

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 5, 2008

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Response Due Date: March 7, 2008

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Reference:

Year End Report (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

- 1. Your report contains incorrect Column B figures for Lines 6(a), 6(c), 11(a)(iii), 11(e), and 16 of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information. When aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements, candidate committees are required to disclose their activity on an election-cycle basis, from 11/8/06 to 11/4/08. Please amend your report to show election cycle-to-date figures for all aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
- 2. Some of the contributions itemized on Schedule A of your report appear to have incorrect values in the "Election Cycle-to-Date" field. This field should reflect the total amount that the committee received from the contributor in the current election cycle, from 11/8/06 through the date of receipt of the contribution. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(3)) Some of the election cycle-to-date totals reported on your Schedule A do not appear to include all contributions from the contributor received in this election cycle. Failure to correctly total contributions received from a given source in the election cycle could lead to acceptance of excessive contributions by the committee. Please note that this problem frequently occurs when the contributor name is entered in the committee's electronic reporting database more than once using a different spelling and/or format. This prevents the database from properly aggregating contributions from the same individual or entity. Entering correct election cycle dates and ensuring that the name